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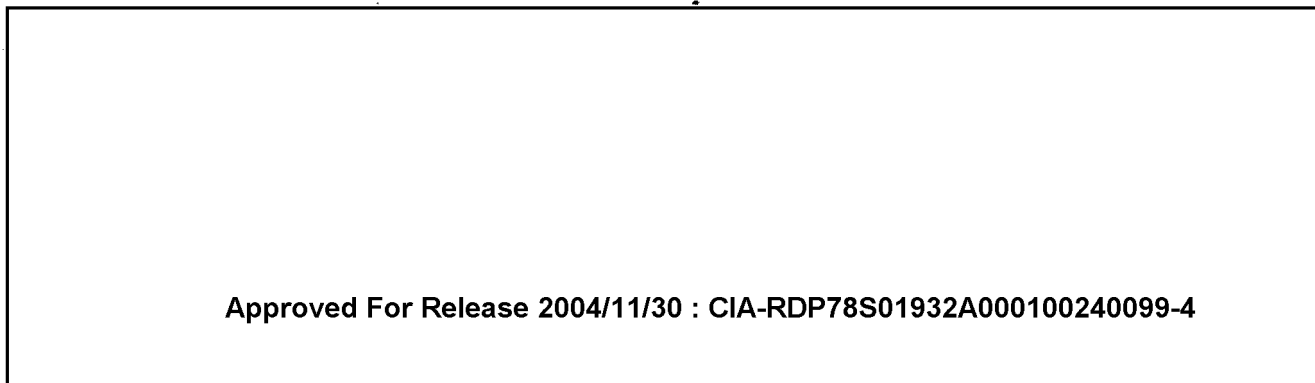
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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAM--THE MILITARY SITUATION



Sharp fighting continued in Binh Duong Province, north of Saigon, over the weekend. South Vietnamese infantry and armored task forces encountered strong resistance from elements of the Communist 7th and 9th divisions and, as a result, made little headway in their efforts to recapture several bases overrun by North Vietnamese/Viet Cong forces nearly two weeks ago.

Military action also continued on the upswing in the northern part of the country, particularly in Quang Tin Province. In Thua Thien Province, a well-placed Communist rocket attack on a South Vietnamese fire support base killed a regi-



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mental commander, his senior intelligence officer, and one of his battalion commanders.

Communist activity also increased northwest of Kontum City in the highlands, almost certainly in response to the South Vietnamese operation against the enemy's logistic base at Vo Dinh. The operation, involving elements of two infantry divisions, began on May 24 and is in retaliation for the Communists' May 16 seizure of Dak Pek.

In the Mekong Delta, Viet Cong sappers hit an airbase near the provincial capital of Can Tho, heavily damaging seven government helicopters.